

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Meeting August 6, 2002

The second meeting of the NH State Building Code Review Board was held on August 6th, 2002, at the Department of Safety, 1st floor conference room.

Call to order was made at 10:00 by Chairman Clegg. Notification of meeting was made to members by mail and email.

Adoption of Minutes: Adoption of the previous minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Old Business: *Interim Rules* - Attorney Modigliani reported that the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) decided to postpone acting on Proposed Interim Rules for the State Building Code Review Board until the statute actually takes effect. The Proposed Interim Rules will be resubmitted after the effective date of the provisions in House Bill 285.

Proposed Amendments to State Fire Code - The Committee held a discussion concerning the proposed amendments to the State Fire Code. The Department of Safety has proposed amending the State Fire Code to update the NFPA codes that are adopted by reference, such as the NFPA 1 Fire Prevention Code and the NFPA 101 *Life Safety Code*. Mr. Degnan answered several questions concerning potential conflicts with the State Building Code, and pointed out that the State Building Code, the Life Safety Code, and the Fire Prevention Code can be enforced without conflict. State Fire Marshal Bliss informed the group that a separate rulemaking process will be initiated to remove the sections of the BOCA Building Code that are no longer needed in the State Fire Code. However, the sole purpose of this rulemaking is to update the fire safety regulations.

Chairman Clegg raised a concern about the Department of Labor rules for worksite safety, and indicated that he would meet with Mr. Bliss at a later time to discuss his concerns.

Attorney Modigliani explained the administrative rulemaking process and indicated that the proposal before the Board is a draft. Commissioner Flynn has asked the Board to comment on the proposal to require fire departments to report fire incidents via electronic means. Mr. Bliss explained the statutory requirements for reporting, as well as the current and proposed reporting

systems. The discussion focused on the costs to communities for implementing the new system.

Mr. Kopczynski MOVED, SECONDED by _____ that the proposed rules be amended to require the State Fire Marshal's Office to handle all system maintenance, that fire departments be allowed to use alternate systems provided that they are approved by the US Fire Administration, and that those communities that do not have computer capability be allowed to continue using the manual system. ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED, SECONDED by _____ that State Building Code Review Board recommend to the Commissioner of Safety the adoption of the proposed changes to the State Fire Code, provided that the changes proposed above are included. ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Bliss reported on the work being done with the modular manufacturers to resolve concerns about the new statewide snow load requirements that were developed by the Structural Engineers Association. Mr. Cowan offered to provide the Board with a presentation on snowload tables at a future meeting.

Chairman Clegg scheduled a special meeting of the Board for September 10 to review and approve the Board's Proposed Interim Rules.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.